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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 25, 2011

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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for your letter of May 4 highlighting the Indiana General Assembly Senate Resolution Fifty-Four urging the State Department to expeditiously approve the Presidential permit application for the Keystone XL pipeline. The State Department recognizes the potential economic and energy security benefits this pipeline would bring to our country. These are some of the many factors, including environmental and safety concerns, that the Department will need to weigh before making a determination on whether to grant a permit for this project.

The Department released a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project on April 15. This Supplemental EIS provides further examination of some of the environmental concerns that were raised by interested stakeholders. As indicated in the attached media note announcing the release, the Department expects to make a decision on whether to grant or deny a permit before the end of the year.

To ensure proper consideration of your concerns, the Department has included your letter in the administrative record for the Keystone XL application. As we continue our review of the Keystone XL pipeline, please do not hesitate to contact us on this or any other issue of importance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Enclosure:

As stated.

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